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SUBJ: PROHIBITION OF FISHING BY VESSELS OF THE EC, SPAIN, KOREA,
AND JAPAN IN EARLY MARCH

REF: STATE 43279, STATE 47917

SUMMARY: ROK EMBASSY WASHINGTON APPARENTLY HAD NOT BEEN
INFORMED THAT GIFA COULD NOT ENTER INTO FORCE MARCH 1 AND
THAT ROK VESSELS MUST CEASE FISHING OPERATIONS AT MIDNIGHT
FEBRUARY 28. FOREIGN OFFICE REACTION WAS ONE OF SHOCK, AND
AFTER REVIEWING THE RECORD OF NEGOTIATIONS, EXPRESSION OF
BELIEF THAT THE USG HAS BEEN GUILTY OF BAD FAITH IN ITS
HANDLING OF THE US/ROK GIFA. ROKG REQUESTS IMMEDIATE
REMEDIAL ACTION BY USG. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON MOFA TREATIES DIVISION CHIEF BAE ON FEBRUARY
28 TO CONFIRM RECEIPT OF INFORMATION REPORTEDLY PASSED
ROK EMBASSY WASHINGTON. BAE DESCRIBED SOLE REPORT REACHING
MOFA SINCE FEBRUARY 25. IT CONCERNED US REQUEST ON
EXCHANGE OF NOTES TERMINATING EXISTING US/ROK FISHERIES
AGREEMENT. BAE NOTED THAT DEPARTMENT HAD REQUESTED
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MARCH 1 TERMINATION RATHER THAN TEXT PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED
WHICH WOULD HAVE TERMINATED OLD AGREEMENT WHEN GIFA
ENTERED INTO EFFECT.

2. BAE THEN HEARD OUT EMBOFFS CAREFUL PRESENTATION SUB-
STANCE FIRST REFTEL. WITH HIS ASSISTNAT, HE EXPRESSED
SHOCK AND DESCRIBED USG FAILURE TO COMPLETE ITS INTERNAL

PROCEDURE AS "UNFAIR". HE REVIEWED NEGOTIATIONS FROM THE TIME THAT THE ROK HAD REQUESTED EARLY SIGNING OF THE GIFA AT SEOUL. CITING NAMES AND TIMES OF DISCUSSIONS WITH US OFFICIALS INVOLVED FROM HIS FILES, HE REREAD THE ASSURANCES EACH HAD GIVEN THAT GIFA ENTRY INTO FORCE WOULD TAKE PLACE BY MARCH 1, 1977 WITH NO DISRUPTION OF FISHING.

3. OBSERVED THAT HE CONSIDERES IT IRONIC THAT THE USG HAD CONSISTENTLY INDICATED THAT COMPLETION OF THE ROKG'S INTERNAL PROCEDURES MIGHT BE THE ONLY CAUSE FOR DELAY, AND

THE GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN EVERY EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE US LAW AND IN FACT COMPLETED ITS INTERNAL PROCEDURES AND IS READY TO COMPLETE THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES.

4. TURING TO THE TEXT OF SECTION 206 (A) AND (C) OF JOINT RESOLUTION 240, BAE STATED THAT EVEN THE INFORMATION EMBOFF HAD EMPHASIZED (FROM PARA 5 FIRST REFTEL DOES NOT ACCORD WITH UNDERSTANDING GIVEN ROK THAT THE GIFA WOULD BE INCLUDED UNDER THAT JOINT RESOLUTION.

5. IN SUMMATION, BAE THANKED THE USG FOR ITS EFFORTS TO ALLOCATE FISH TO THE ROK AND TO BE HELPFUL WITH THE SOVIETS. BUT HE SAID THAT ONE CAN ONLY CONCLUDE FROM THE RECORD, PARTICULARLY THE REQUEST TO CHANGE THE WORKING OF THE NOTES TERMINATING THE PRESENT AGREEMENT, THAT THE USG HAD DEALT WITH THE ROKG IN BAD FAITH AND SHOULD RECTIFY THE SITUATION. HE REQUESTED THAT THE USG TAKE IMMEDIATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACTION TO PERMIT KOREAN FISHING BEYOND MIDNIGHT FEBRUARY 28.

6. EMBASSY COMMENT: ON FEBRUARY 26 ROKG ORDERED ALL FISHING VESSELS TO WITHDRAW FROM THE SOVIET ZONE WITHIN 24 HOURS. MEDIA ATTENTION TO FISHERIES ISSUES HAS BEEN HEAVY AND CRITICAL FOR THE PAST WEEK ON (A) ROKG FOR NOT ANTICIPATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF US AND SOVIET ZONES, (B) ON THE USG FOR PRECIPITATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONES, (C) ON THE ROKG FOR NOT REPRESENTING KOREAN NEEDS BETTER IN OBTAINING THE 150,000 TONS IT REQUESTED FROM THE US AND, (D) FOR NOT MORE QUICKLY DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVE FISHING AREAS AND POLICIES. ELEVENTH HOUR REQUEST FOR CESSATION OF KOREAN FISHING PLACES GOVERNMENT IN AN EVEN MORE DIFFICULT PUBLIC POSITION. SNEIDER

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